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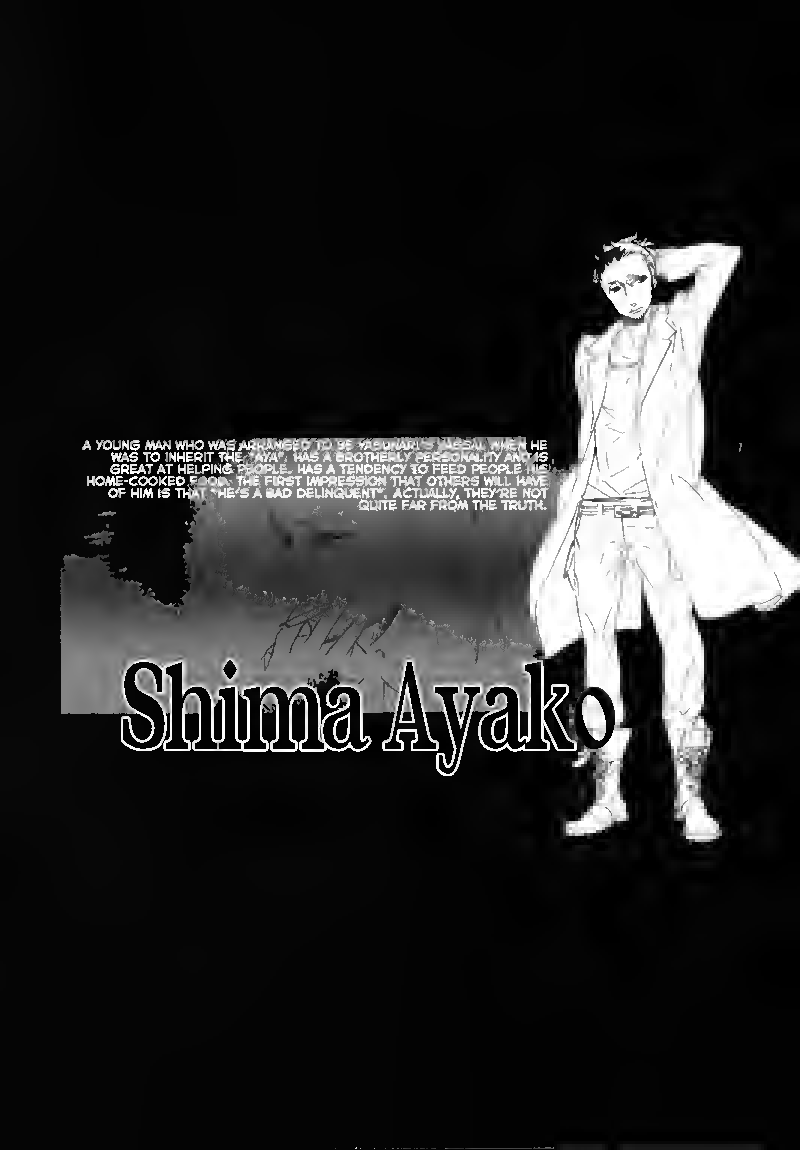
A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS ARRANGED TO BE KABUNARI'S VASSAL WHEN HE WAS TO INHERIT THE "AYA". WAS A BROTHERLY PERSONALITY AND IS GREAT AT HELPING PEOPLE. HAS A TENDENCY TO FEED PEOPLE HIS HOME-COOKED FOOD. THE FIRST IMPRESSION THAT OTHERS WILL HAVE OF HIM IS THAT "HE'S A BAD DELINQUENT". ACTUALLY, THEY'RE NOT QUITE FAR FROM THE TRUTH.
Shima Ayako

CHAPTER 09

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HMM...
WHY THE HECK AM I STUFFING MYSELF SILLY WITH CHINESE FOOD AT A PLACE LIKE THIS...?
HM
HEY!
TELL ME WHY, AYA-NII!
Hm?
GLANCE
DEAD CORPSE...
AND THOSE OVER THERE SEEM TO HAVE DIED...
UH
can't take it anymore
AIA

WHAT? STILL NOT ENOUGH? I'LL MAKE MORE FOR YOU, JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE.
NO! YOU GOT IT WRONG!!
Ouch! That's so disgusting!!
GOOD GRIEF
AFTER BEING LED ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE BY YOU, WHEN I GOT MYSELF TOGETHER, I ALREADY REACHED
MY FAMILY'S OTHER RESIDENCE
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT, YOU STARTED TO MAKE CHINESE CUISINES I REALLY DON'T GET YOU!

PLEASE TELL ME WE'RE NOT HERE SIMPLY JUST TO EAT LUNCH?
Mmmmm
Mmm msmm
omgm mmmf
mnbngm
Munch Munch
RIGHT... WELL, IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO TALK WHEN YOU'RE DONE EATING...
DING
Even though this is sudden, there is a problem
?!!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL
Cl in
Ki

I WONDER, WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES TO BE THE HEAD OF CLAN...?
EH?!
PRE-REQUI-SITES?
Erm...
MANIFESTATION OF "AYA"?
Yeap, correct.
Be more confident of your answer~
RIGHT, SO ANYWAY, MANIFESTATION OF THE "AYA" IS THE FUNDAMENTAL CONDITION
WHEN THE HEAD OF THE CLAN PASSES AWAY, THE NEXT HEAD WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE REVEALED
SO THE CHANCES OF MANIFESTA-TION ARE PRETTY HIGH THEN?
AH, I KNOW ABOUT THAT
LIKE CHILDREN WITH BLOOD RELATIONS TO THE PREVIOUS HEAD OF CLAN, RIGHT?
CORRECT
Ohhhhhhhh
Sigh

I'LL EXPLAIN THIS IN DETAIL.
1, HIGHEST CHANCE OF MANIFESTATION WILL HAPPEN ON THE OFFSPRING OF THE HEAD CLAN
90%
2, IT WILL NEVER MANIFEST IN SIBLINGS.
0%
3, IN CASES WHERE HE OR SHE DOES NOT HAVE ANY OFFSPRING. IT'LL MANIFEST IN DESCENDENTS WITHIN THE SAME CLAN WHO SHARE THE SAME BLOOD
WHEN THE PREVIOUS HEAD OF CLAN, YOUR FATHER, SAGIMORI IKUSUE PASSED AWAY,
YOU, AS HIS CHILD INHERITED THE ROLE RIGHT
SO, LET'S SAY, IF YOU BY ANY CHANCE PASS AWAY
AS YOUR BROTHER, YASUNARI WON'T BE ABLE TO SUCCEED YOU.
BUT IT'LL BE ARITAROU WHO WILL INHERIT THE ROLE.
Your role (Predictor)
What's with that Arthrod...
THEN, THE ONE WHO FOLLOWS THE HEAD OF CLAN PERFECTLY... YEA!
...YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE VASSALS?
Follow perfectly- strangely?
RIGHT! SO CAN YOU TELL ME THE REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF VASSALS?
HERE!
Raised

WELL, I'M A POWER USER, BUT AM ASSIGNED TO BE A VASSAL AS A SPECIAL CASE.
NATURALLY, IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ABILITIES, BUT THE HEAD OF CLAN WOULD NORMALLY CHOOSE SOMEONE FROM HIS OR HER CLAN.
THEY'RE ASSIGNED AS INSURANCE WHEN THE HEAD OF CLAN IS UNABLE TO USE HIS OR HER ABILITY, OR AS IMPEDIMENT TO STOP THE HEAD OF CLAN FROM RUNNING RAMPAGE
Ahh, he revived
NORMALLY WHEN CLAN MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY
ARE GIVEN THE BLOOD OF THE HEAD OF CLAN IT'S POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO SHARE SOME OF HIS POWERS
IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO THE VASSAL DISASTER WILL STRIKE THE HEAD OF CLAN
WELL, ARI-RIN HAS EXPERIENCED IT THROUGH CHIKA-CHAN'S CASE.
BUT, THEY'LL STILL BE WEAKER THAN THE HEAD OF CLAN, THERE'LL STILL BE CONSUMPTION HAPPENING.
THIS IS THE FACT THAT NEEDS FOR CAUTION.

YOU GUYS, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH HIME! CLAN'S VASSALS?
RIGHT
YOU'RE RIGHT
ERM
? NO? THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ...?
IF SO, WAS THERE ANYTHING UNEASY ABOUT THEM? OR WERE THEY HIDING ANYTHING?
THE CURRENT HEAD OF HIME! CLAN, HIME! INUO, WAS MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
THEY SAID THEY WERE JUST ACTING ACCORDING TO THEIR MASTER'S WISHES
Hiding?
I SEE.
IT'S SO SUSPI-CIOUS!
BUT, WHAT ON EARTH'S GOING ON?!
NO, ACTUALLY

I DIDN'T SAY THAT
IMPOS-SIBLE!
SO DOES IT MEAN YOU DON'T WANT US TO FIGHT THEM?
!!
FROM WHAT I REMEMBER,
HIME! INUO'S DOCTRINE WAS FOR PEACE AND HE WAS A KIND-HEARTED FELLOW, TOO
THE INUO WHO WOULDN'T EVEN KILL AN INSECT, AND THE ONE WHO IS CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE VICIOUS CRIMES. I JUST CAN'T SEE THEM AS THE SAME PERSON.
THAT'S WHY I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL

EVEN THOUGH IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, MAYBE THEY'VE CHANGED THE HEAD OF CLAN AND THE CURRENT ONE'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON.
AFTER SO MANY YEARS. I GUESS INUO'S PERSONALITY WOULD CHANGE
IF SO SINCE INUO DOESN'T HAVE ANY OFFSPRING, THEN SOMEONE IN THE CLAN MUST HAVE TAKEN THE ROLE
I WANT AN ACCEPTABLE ANSWER.
IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU GUYS TO SHARE ANYTHING RELATED TO THIS MATTER WITH ME?
IS THAT WHY YOU WERE LOOKING FOR GLLIES?
IS IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO CHANGE?
OKAY, SURE DEFINITELY
BY YOURSELF
YEAH

Ah.
PEOPLE DO CHANGE, DON'T THEY?
TO NOT THINK OF OTHERS AS HUMAN BEINGS, FOR SOMEONE TO BECOME LIKE THAT IS THE WORST, RIGHT?
JUST LIKE YASUNARI
ARITSUNE
YOU STILL HAVEN'T FORGIVEN HIM FOR THAT INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED THEN?
HEY, ARITSUNE?!
Grabs
ISN'T IT UNFORGIVABLE?!
SFX: SLAP

SPEAK FIERCE
SOME-THING LIKE THAT CAN NEVER BE FORGIVEN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
HOW DARE HE... SOMETHING LIKE THAT... LIKE THAT!!
UGH!
...SOME-THING... LIKE THAT?
!!
ARI-TSUNE?

HEY, CAN I BORROW THE GARDEN FOR A WHILE?
HUH?
THEN, DO YOU HAVE ANY-THING THAT LOOK LIKE STICKS? I NEED A FEW OF THEM
AH, I DON'T MIND BUT
NAGA-TSUGU!
LETS FIGHT!!
RISE
SURE!
Tap Tap Tap

SFX CLANG!

Tap Tap
SHIMA-SAN?
I'VE FINISHED WASHING THE DISHES.
OH, THANKS.
ANY-MORE ?
IT'S FINE
Then Shima's okay?
You don't have to add a -san at the end
THIS TIME AROUND HE'S COMPLETELY ON DEFENSIVE
RIGHT
WE CAN'T TAKE ACTION UNLESS THE OPPONENT MOVES FIRST.

"WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN ARITSUNE AND YASUNARI IN THE PAST",
HEY...
...
CORRECT?
EH...
YOU KNOW SOMETHING, DON'T YOU?
He saw through me...
IT'S FOR YOUR OWN CURIOSITY, ISN'T IT?
PUSH!
I'M WORRIED!

SOMEHOW, WHENEVER THERE'S SOMETHING CONCERNING YASUNARI-SAN, THAT CHILD IMMEDIATELY BECOMES UNSTABLE
THAT STATE HE GOT INTO JUST NOW WAS A COMMON REACTION, WASN'T IT?
IT'S ... REALLY SOMETHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT ...
stare!
UM
WELL THAT'S JUST OUT OF MY OWN CURIO-SITY
FORGIVE ME
PLEASE FORGET WHAT I'VE SAID.
Hugs!
Grabs!
HEY!
YOU'RE A GREAT LADY, AREN'T YOU?!

Smells delicious
WELL, ANYTHING'S FINE LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
FINE ...?!
Sniff
HMM
Hck!
STO ...P!
BLUSH!
WHAT ?!
MALE?
HM.
Push! Push!
WHA- WHA- WHA- WHAT?!! I'M A GUY, YOU KNOW!!
What the hell's wrong with this beast...?
AND WE JUST CAN'T LEAVE THEM ALONE
THOSE GUYS ARE IN SUCH A RISKY SITUATION,
BUT, I REALLY UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM THOUGH
REALLY FEEL LIKE GIVING THEM PROTECTION
They're so small and cute too

LONG TIME AGO, THOSE BROTHERS WERE VERY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, YOU KNOW?
SO MUCH SO THAT IT MADE ME SICK JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM.
JUDGING FROM WHAT YOU SAID YASUNARI REALLY PAMPERED ARITSUNE A LOT.
AND ARITSUNE STUCK CLOSE TO HIS GENTLE BROTHER.
THE ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THEM NOW
WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT SEVEN YEARS AGO.
SEVEN YEARS AGO...?

EH?!
BUT... IT SEEMS THAT GUY, ARITSUNE COULDN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME...
IT'S UNDER-STANDABLE THAT HE'LL BE IN SHOCK...
AND IN ADDITION OF HAVING HIS FAVOURITE BROTHER KILL HIS CLOSEST FRIEND...
HIS FATHER HAD JUST PASSED AWAY THEN,
EH?!!
WAIT A MINUTE HERE!
HIS CLO-SEST... FRIEND WAS KILLED ?!
M M
WAS KILLED ..? I GUESS NOT?
EVEN THOUGH HE COULDN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING, BUT THE FEELING OF REVULSION STILL REMAINS ...?

TOKIMI CHIHIRO WAS ONCE KILLED BY YASUNARI,
RIGHT IN FRONT OF ARITSUNE
CLAN
K!
SFX THUD!

ARI-TSUNE YOU DUMMY
I ONLY AGREED BECAUSE YOU SAID IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SWORD FIGHT
A_Ri_ Tsu_ Ne_ It_'s_ so_ boring...!
SHAKE SHAKE
WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO MAKE YOU SHOW YOUR TRUE CAPA-BILITIES?
SHOULD I BECOME YOUR ENEMY THEN?
I DON'T WANT TO
THERE'S NO REA-SON TO ANYWAY
ARITSUNE...

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE KILLED BY THE ENEMY, MIGHT AS WELL LET ME DO IT
BEFORE YOU COULD EVEN FINISH WORRYING, YOU'VE ALREADY DIED WORTHLESSLY
WORRIES, WORRIES,
PAT PAT
IT'S BEST IF YOU STOP THAT
SA AA A A A

HOW'S YOUR BODY?!
Ah... You fixed your glasses
IT'S NO LONGER SERIOUS
It's a spare
SHIMA-SAN CONTACTED ME
Went out
Please lock the door when you go
Angela
Went back with Nagatsuka Nobuhiko
LETS GO HOME
OKAY
ARI-TSUNE
CHIKA!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHIKA
FOR ALL THESE TIMES
SHUTS

ARI-TSUNE
I'M AN IDIOT, YOU SEE SO I MAY STILL BE HESITATING
BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES,
CHIKA WILL BEAT SOME SENSE INTO ME, RIGHT?
SO YOU'VE DECIDED?

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